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SUBJECT: UNCTAD CONFERENCE ON RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES

1. THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (FRIEDRICH KLEIN, DIRECTOR FOR TRADE QUESTIONS WITH COUNTRIES WITH PLANNED ECONOMIES) HAS RAISED WITH THIS MISSION THE QUESTION OF THE NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE IN PARAGRAPH THREE OF THE CHARTER CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION AT THE UNCTAD CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY. THE COMPROMISE FORMULATION, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE DISCUSSED AND PERHAPS DECIDED THIS WEEKEND, USES THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: "EVERY STATE HAS THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND OTHER FORMS OF ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION IRRESPECTIVE OF ANY DIFFERENCES IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS AND NOT TO BE SUBJECTED TO DISCRIMINATION OF ANY KIND BASED IN PARTICULAR ON SUCH DIFFERENCES".

2. THE COMMISSION AND IN GENERAL THE MEMBER STATES ARE OPPOSED TO THE USE OF THE WORD "DISCRIMINATION", FEARING THAT TO ACCEPT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUCH A FORMULATION AT THE UNCTAD MEETING WOULD UNDERMINE WESTERN

EFFORTS TO AVOID SUCH REFERENCES AT THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (CSCE).

- 3. EC PREFERS LANGUAGE SUCH AS "UNJUSTIFIED DIFFERENTIATED TREATMENT" OR "DIFFERENT TREATMENT OF EQUAL SITUATIONS", AND WOULD END COMPROMISE FORMULATION AFTER THE WORD "KIND".
- 4. COMMISSION HAS BEEN INFORMED BY ITS REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UNCTAD MEETING THAT CANADIAN OPPOSITION TO USE OF WORD "DISCRIMINATION" IS WEAKENING, AND THAT THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THE U.S. POSITION TOO MAY BE ERODING. (WITHIN THE EC, THE COMMISSION IS TAKING THE TOUGHEST LINE AGAINST THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE, BUT THE GERMANS HAVE APPARENTLY CIRCULATED AMONG THE NINE ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE TO THAT IN PARA ONE ABOVE WHICH, WHILE PROVIDING SOME FLEXIBILITY OF INTERPRETATION, DOES INCLUDE THE WORD "DISCRIMINATION". THE COMMISSION OPPOSES THE GERMAN PROPOSAL AND HOPES THAT IT WILL NOT SURFACE OUTSIDE THE NINE.)
- 5. THE COMMISSION (KLEIN) BELIEVES THAT IT IS "HIGHLY IMPORTANT NOT TO GIVE IN", AND IN PARTICULAR THAT THE U.S. CONTINUE TO OPPOSE THE USE OF THE WORD "DISCRIMINATION" IN PARAGRAPH THREE OF THE CHARTER BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL FOR DAMAGE TO THE NEGOTIATING POSITION OF THE WEST AT CSCE. HE ASKED THAT THE COMMISSION'S VIEWS BE CONVEYED TO THE APPROPRIATE AMERICAN OFFICIALS. (KLEIN HAS ALREADY TELEPHONED THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE EC TO URGE FIRMNESS ON THE PART OF CANADA.) GREENWALD

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